

## **CITY ORDINANCES**

### **Animal Control**

#### **Running at Large**

(6.08.010)

No dogs or cats shall be permitted to run at large within the city limits. This means that pet owners must restrain their animals in some way so that they cannot leave their property. All dogs and cats must also be kept on a leash, no longer than eight feet, when not on the owner's property. Pets are not allowed in cemeteries, beaches, or school grounds without special permission.

#### **Number Per Household**

(6.08.020)

No individual, family or unit living together shall keep more than two dogs and three cats over the age of three months. An animal control officer may permit the keeping of additional pets by any person where it appears that no nuisance be created.

#### **Care of Animals**

(6.08.030)

All animals shall be cared for, maintained, and handled in a humane and sanitary manner. There will be no disturbance of the peace in the neighborhood. No animal will be abandoned or turned loose by its owner or keeper. No animal shall be inhumanely confined in a manner which causes or is likely to cause pain, suffering, injury, or death.

#### **Barking Dog**

(6.08.040)

Owners shall not permit loud or frequent barking to annoy the neighbors or passers-by.

#### **Animal Excreta**

(6.08.060)

The owner of an animal shall promptly remove, and dispose of in a sanitary manner, any excreta deposited by such animal upon any public or private property.

***Any person who violates any provision of Chapter 6.04 or 6.08 may be subject to a citation in the amount of \$193.40.***

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### **Dog & Cat Licenses**

#### **License Requirements**

(6.04.010)

No person shall own, harbor, or keep any dog or cat over the age of five months within the City without first obtaining a license from the City Treasurer. The license year runs from January 1 to December 31. Licenses are not transferable or refundable. A late fee of \$5.00 is collected from owners of licensable pets who fail to apply within 30 days of acquiring a licensable pet, or fail to apply by the date the pet reaches licensable age, or fail to renew by March 31.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Many Eau Claire households include a dog, cat, or other pets. Most pets are well cared for and are appreciated by owners and neighbors alike. In order to assure that pets do not become a nuisance, and are not mistreated, City Ordinances have been enacted. Portions of these ordinances are explained in this pamphlet.

The Eau Claire Police Department is charged with the responsibility of enforcing pet ordinances. Their animal control unit handles calls concerning stray animals, nuisance complaints, animal bites and other situations relating to animals. To report a nuisance problem, improper treatment, or some other problem concerning pets, call the Police Department Animal Control Unit at 839-4972.

Stray animals are taken to the Eau Claire Humane Association on Old Town Hall Road. Animals taken there must first be reported to the Eau Claire Police Department Animal Control Unit. Animals claimed by their owners at the Humane Association cannot be released without proof of valid license. For further information on services provided by the Humane Association, call 839-4747.

Applications for new or replacement licenses are available at the Treasury, at City Hall. Additional applications can be obtained by calling 839-4923.

# **What Every PET OWNER Should Know**

## **A Guide to Rules of Pet Ownership**

**CITY OF EAU CLAIRE**  
**203 S. Farwell Street**  
**PO Box 909**  
**Eau Claire, WI**

#### **Animal Control**

Police Department.....839-4972  
740 Second Ave.

#### **License Information**

City Treasury..... 839-4923  
203 S. Farwell St.

#### **Lost or Missing**

Humane Association.....839-4747  
Old Town Hall Rd.